

## **Deployment Criteria for Division of Research and Innovation (DRI) Research Proposal Evaluations**

DRI research projects are intended to produce results that will be applied in practice. Research proposals and the project final report should contain a deployment plan for moving the results of the research into practice. Each proposal should include a **Deployment Plan** that describes activities to promote application of the product of this research. It is expected that the deployment plan will evolve during the project; however, proposals must describe, as a minimum, the following:

- (a) The “product” expected from the research (Is there a clear goal and identifiable gains? Does the product meet a Caltrans performance measure or measures?)
- (b) The audience or “market” for this product (Are there other organizations that might benefit and should they be approached as potential partners?)
- (c) A realistic assessment of impediments to successful deployment (Have the barriers to successful adoption of results been clearly identified?)
- (d) The institutions and individuals who might take leadership in applying the research product (Who will benefit most from this project and what demographic information do you know about them?)
- (e) The activities necessary for successful deployment (What tasks will be the most effective in ensuring successful deployment?)
- (f) The criteria for judging the progress and consequences of deployment (Are there adjustments that need to be made and how will success be measured?)
- (g) A projected schedule for major tasks (Does the schedule seem reasonable and appropriate to keep the project on budget, on time, on task?) If the nature of a project is such that it is known initially that the results will not be amenable to immediate deployment into practice, the research plan must include recommendations for the additional work necessary to reach the deployment stage.

Reviewers should evaluate research proposals for clear deployment content as defined above and rate on a scale of 1 through 5. With 1 being the lowest rating and 5 being the highest rating. They should also provide comments or suggestions to improve the proposal.

Comments/Notes/Suggested Improvements:

Rating: